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1. The central management of the East Bohemian Mines is located at Trutnov (051/G75). Its manager is one David, a fanatical Communist.
2. The Stachanov coal mine, located at Radvanice (051/G85), has 300 employees, including leading technicians and office employees. There are relatively few Communist Party members among the employees because about 80 percent of them are Germans who have no political affiliation. Leading personnel at the mine include the following:
  - a. Viktor Gach, head of the mine. He is married, lives at Radvanice, and is a fanatical Communist.
  - b. Rundstuck, security officer of the mining area (revir); he is a fanatical and dangerous Communist.
  - c. Karel Klis, security officer of the mine. He is a fanatical Communist and is chairman of the Communist Party organization at the mine.
  - d. Gabriel, chairman of the trade union (ROH) at the mine; he is a devoted Communist.
  - e. Sedlacek, mine foreman; a devoted Communist.
  - f. Kasner, mine foreman; he is a German.
  - g. Milan Kincl. He works in the office and is a nominal Communist.
3. The Stachanov mine is about 800 m deep and is entered by a small rope railroad. Daily production consists of about 11 railroad cars of coal, each car carrying 10 tons.
4. The average wage of the miners is about 5,000 Kcs monthly. Shockworkers earn as much as 30,000 Kcs per month. Baudys, the best shockworker in the mine, has been known to earn 30,000 Kcs monthly. An assistant worker receives about 3,000 Kcs monthly.
5. The mine is guarded by 13 men who are armed with pistols and submachine guns. They are commanded by Klecka, a devoted Communist. Their task is to guard the

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mine against sabotage and terrorist action, but their real function is to keep the men working as much as possible. In April 1950 the entire mine was encircled by a fence of barbed wire, and some mounds with revolving searchlights have been erected.

6. From October 1949 to April 1950, Soviet experts made test borings for uranium at this mine, but the results of these tests are not known. During that time about 20 STB members were stationed at Radvanice, and they were recalled in April 1950 when the tests were terminated.
7. A Soviet mission has been established at Trutnov for the purpose of making test borings for uranium in all mines in the East Bohemian mining area.

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